GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Food Safety Display Board
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for food product traders to put up a food safety display board;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (c): Under the existing provisions of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011, it is mandatory to display the true copy of the license at a prominent place at all times within the premises where the Food Business Operator carries on the food business. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has come out with a revamped Food Safety Display Board (FSDB) covering information viz., (i) FSSAI registration/license number which the customer can verify at FSSAI website (ii) basic food hygiene and safety tips to inform the customers and the food handlers about the important food safety and hygiene requirements (iii) food Safety declaration indicating that the restaurant abides by regulations under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (iv) consumer feedback system informing the consumer about various options for sending feedback to FSSAI through WhatsApp, SMS or give feedback on FSSAI App. These FSDBs have a holistic 360 degree approach wherein a consumer can know about the Safe Food Practices; Food Handlers can know about the Good Manufacturing Practices/ Good Manufacturing Practices to be followed; and the Regulatory Staff can know about the inspection check points, thus covering the gap. FSDBs have till now been prepared for six sectors namely-restaurants, street food, milk retail, meat retail, food retail sector and fruit & vegetable retail. Presently, these Food Safety Display Boards are being displayed voluntarily by 14 major and few minor Food Business Operators across their chain covering around 2000 outlets across India.
(d): Does not arise.
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